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c) ECONOMIC INFORMATION

FOOD RATIONING COUPONS

29 Aug 1951 - Rationing at Bucharest

Food and clothing coupons have different numbers <sup>of</sup> and points and different colors according to their category.

COUPON A: for workers assigned to heavy work (mines, metallurgical industries).

Color: red.

COUPON B: for factory workers (not heavy work). The source is not certain, but thinks they are brown.

COUPON C: for workers in light industries, white-collar workers, students; color, green.

COUPON D: for members of families of the above-mentioned workers.

COUPON D 1:  
COUPON D 1 for children

COUPON E: for artisans, tradesmen and those who do not work in State enterprises.

CLOTHING COUPONS: distributed only up to category B.

SHOE COUPONS: distributed only up to category C

ADVANTAGES OF COUPONS: 50 to 70 percent reduction on prices on the free market.

b) INDUSTRIES

May 1950 - Ironworks, HUNEDOARA (14-L)

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The works smelt and extract metals. There are 8 furnaces for cast iron

----- [word blurred]; 4 Martin blast furnaces and 2 electric furnaces.

c) MOTIVE POWER

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June 1950 - [redacted] at school there was much conversation in a general way about the power station under construction on the BISTRITA River at some unidentified place and much boasting about it as an achievement of the regime.

d) MISCELLANEOUS ECONOMIC INFORMATION

April 1951 - NATIONALIZATION of small industries, BUCHAREST

There remain for nationalization only those firms which have work in progress (and they will be nationalized as soon as the jobs are finished) and petty artisans for whom no other disposition has been arranged.

D) POLITICAL INFORMATION

a) PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

29 Aug 1951 - State Planning Institute (I. P. C.), BUCHAREST

The Institute is located at Bucharest .

Functions: Plans are made here for: groups of houses of the type for workers; military dispensaries (see sketch<sup>No 2</sup>); canteens for factories; bakeries for canteens; various other constructions and buildings for public use.

b) PROPAGANDA

29 Aug 1951 - Propaganda is developed on the usual subjects:

~~XXXX~~ The USSR wants peace;

The adherents of the Atlantic Pact are preparing for war;

The life of peoples beyond the Iron Curtain is wretched;

The farmers and workers beyond the Iron Curtain are very backward in methods and machinery.

c) SCHOOLS

Elementary: duration 7 years

Intermediate: duration 4 years

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Railroad Institute

5 faculties: planning; electrotechnics; rolling stock; political economy and telecommunications; construction.

Duration: 4 years.

Curriculum for ~~the~~ <sup>course</sup> 4-year~~s~~ in the Faculty of Construction:

First year: mathematics, physics, chemistry, topography, Leninism and Marxism, the Russian language.

Second year: resistance of materials, technology, geometry, statistics, foundation work, civilian housing, railroads, special mathematics, Leninism and Marxism, Russian language.

Third year: like the second year + reinforced concretes.

Fourth year: The source does not know the curriculum

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d) LABOR CAMPS FOR POLITICALLY SUSPECT ELEMENTS

Early May 1951 - During this period some hundred Rumanian prisoners of war in the USSR were repatriated and collected in a concentration camp at BRAGADIRU, 1 km outside Bucharest. The source does not know the exact location. These prisoners were thoroughly screened, apparently from the political viewpoint. Most of them were sent to a labor camp in an unidentified locality on the DANUBE-BLACK SEA canal. A few were set free.

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e) MISCELLANEOUS POLITICAL INFORMATION

Restricted zones for foreigners

28 Aug 1951 - All foreigners now in Bucharest are permitted to circulate only in well-defined zones of the city. To leave these zones it is necessary to have a special permit issued by the political authorities.

~~is~~ caught outside

Anyone ~~who leaves~~ <sup>leaves</sup> his zone, if not a suspect, is punished by a fine of 5,000 lei or its equivalent in labor; if a <sup>s</sup>uspect, he is imprisoned and tried.

Dispersal of inhabitants of the ~~Yugoslav~~ <sup>Rumano-Yugoslav</sup> strip of land on the border

29 Aug 1951 - The inhabitants of <sup>the</sup> ~~A~~ strip of land on the Rumanian side of the

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of the Yugoslav border have been dispersed. Almost the whole population has been removed, leaving only elements of tried political loyalty.

Surveillance of factories

29 Aug 1951 - In all fairly large factories soldiers of the SECURITY MILITIA are in charge of surveillance of the factory and, in particular, of the workers' activities.

Surveillance of railroads

29 Aug 1951 - All railroad bridges, whether large or small, and all the most important switches are guarded by armed sentries.

There are frequent inspections of ~~the~~ travellers during ~~a~~ trips on the railroads.

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